

Senate Study Bill 1151 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON GARRETT)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act related to the establishment of satellite absentee
2 voting stations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 53.11, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) Satellite absentee voting stations may be
4 established throughout the cities and county at the direction
5 of the commissioner and shall be established upon receipt
6 of a petition signed by not less than one hundred eligible
7 electors requesting that a satellite absentee voting station
8 be established at a location to be described on the petition.
9 ~~However, if~~ For a petition to be valid under this section, the
10 location described in the petition must be physically located
11 in a city with a population of two hundred or greater, as
12 determined by the most recent federal decennial census.
13 (2) If a special election is scheduled in the county on a
14 date that falls between the date of the regular city election
15 and the date of the city runoff election, the commissioner is
16 not required to establish a satellite absentee voting station
17 for the city runoff election.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill relates to the establishment of satellite absentee
22 voting stations. The bill requires that for a petition to
23 establish a satellite absentee voting station to be valid, the
24 satellite absentee voting station location described in the
25 petition must be physically located in a city with a population
26 of 200 or greater.